

**CHARLES BERMAN
TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD RECEIVER OF TAXES
OCTOBER 2016 EXEMPTIONS SEMINARS**

THUR, October 6, 2016 7:00 – 8:45 pm Exemptions Seminar	Manhasset Public Library 30 Onderdonk Road Manhasset, NY 11030
WED, October 19, 2016 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Exemptions Seminar	Great Neck Public Library, Station Branch 26 Great Neck Road, 2 nd Floor Community Room Great Neck, NY 11021 <u>[New Location!]</u>
TUES, October 25, 2016 6:45 – 8:45 pm Exemptions Seminar	Hillside Public Library 155 Lakeville Road New Hyde Park, NY 11040

New York State School Tax Relief Program (STAR)

The STAR Program provides relief from school property taxes for owner-occupied primary residences. There have been some changes to the STAR Program this year, and how certain owners will receive their STAR benefit.

If you had an **EXISTING STAR Exemption (Basic or Enhanced)** on your 2015-2016 School Tax bill, you will continue to receive the Exemption on your School Tax bill. You do not need to register with New York State.

New STAR Credit Program

NEW applicants who qualify for STAR must now register with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance instead of applying for STAR to the Nassau County Department of Assessment. If you qualify, you will receive a STAR Credit in the form of a check, from New York State rather than receiving an Exemption on your School Tax bill. The dollar value of the STAR Credit will be the same as the STAR Exemption.

You will be in the STAR Credit Program if you bought your home after the STAR application deadline (January 2, 2015), or you did not apply for the STAR Exemption for your home by the 2015 application deadline. Even if you applied to Assessment after the deadline, you need to register for the credit with New York State Department of Taxation and Finance.

The STAR Credit filing deadline was July 1, 2016, for 2016-2017 School Tax. Registrations may be accepted after this date, but checks may not be received in time to pay your School Tax bill by November 10, 2016. **Thereafter, the annual deadline for the STAR Credit Program is July 1st.**

You may register for the STAR Credit Program online at **www.tax.ny.gov** (choose Changes to STAR, then Register for STAR), or by calling **1-518-457-2036 (Albany)**. You will need to:

1. Provide the names and social security numbers for all owners of the property and their spouses.
2. Answer a few questions about the income and residency of the owners and their spouses.
3. Provide the date the owners purchased the property and the name of the sellers.